

# Religious Education

All children – regardless of gender, starting point or background – will have the opportunity to engage with a high-quality religious education. They will be equipped with the knowledge, skills and vocabulary to learn through a diocese linked curriculum that provides opportunities to reflect, discuss and explore more about the world in which they live in. The curriculum provides children with the knowledge of different religious traditions, celebrations, stories and values. Our RE curriculum pupils develop an understanding of themselves and others as well as respecting differences. Lessons will promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of individuals and communities. We intend to inspire a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about different world religions.

## Free Choice



## What is Humanism?

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### Key Vocabulary:

- Humanist
- Humanism
- Science
- Evidence
- Atheist/atheism
- Agnostic/agnosticism
- Golden rule
- Equality

### New Knowledge:

- Humanists base their beliefs on evidence. They are willing to change their beliefs when presented with new evidence.
- Humanists do not believe in a God or God, because there is no persuasive evidence. The absence of belief in a god or gods (atheism), and the absence of belief that we can ever know if there is a god (agnosticism).
- Humanists believe that they have the ability to live a good and happy life without a god.
- Humanists believe that it is important to respect peoples' different ways of finding happiness.
- The absence of any belief in an afterlife means 'the time to be happy is now', while we are alive.
- Humanists believe that humans have responsibility for their own destiny, and that living a fulfilling and flourishing life will bring happiness.
- They value all humans – and celebrate humanity and human spirit. Human attributes, including our ability to question, our ability to reason, our ability to empathise with other humans and animals, and our creativity. Also human relationships and our shared moral values such as: kindness, compassion, justice and honesty.
- Humanists value Celebration of the many achievements of human beings: intellectual, technological, and creative/artistic.
- Humanists also value natural world and other living things; the belief that the environment should be protected.
- No places of worship; instead take pleasure in both the natural wonder of the world around us and in feats of human creativity; valuing places like libraries, schools, colleges, hospitals, sports facilities, councils, and parliamentary buildings.
- Humanists believe that we can lead a good life by accepting individual responsibility for our actions.



Religious & Cultural Diversity

